GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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ADOPTION HOMES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the large scale irregularities taken place in adoption homes in Andhra Pradesh, the Union Government have taken a decision to unearth such agencies run by voluntary organizations in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether this issue has been discussed with the State Governments;

(c) if so, whether any concrete action plan has been worked out to prevent such incidents in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Yes Sir. After reports from Andhra Pradesh about the irregularities, the Union Government has issued directives to all State Governments to take stringent action against organizations indulging in illegal activities in the field of adoptions. Our officers visited Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal and held discussions with the State Governments.

(c) & (d) All the State Governments have been asked to take necessary steps to prevent suchincidents in future which interalia, include:

i) Licensing of all Residential Homes & setting up of state adoption unit.
ii) Joint inspection should take place of orphanages and agencies.
iii) Enforcement of Orphanages & other Charitable Homes Act-1960.
iv) Monitoring of adoption activities quoting recent happenings in Andhra Pradesh.

Further, directives have also been issued to the concerned agencies and organizations to streamline their activities and adhere strictly to the government guidelines in this respect.